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Safer Needle & Sharps Device Usage Survey (Pamphlet)

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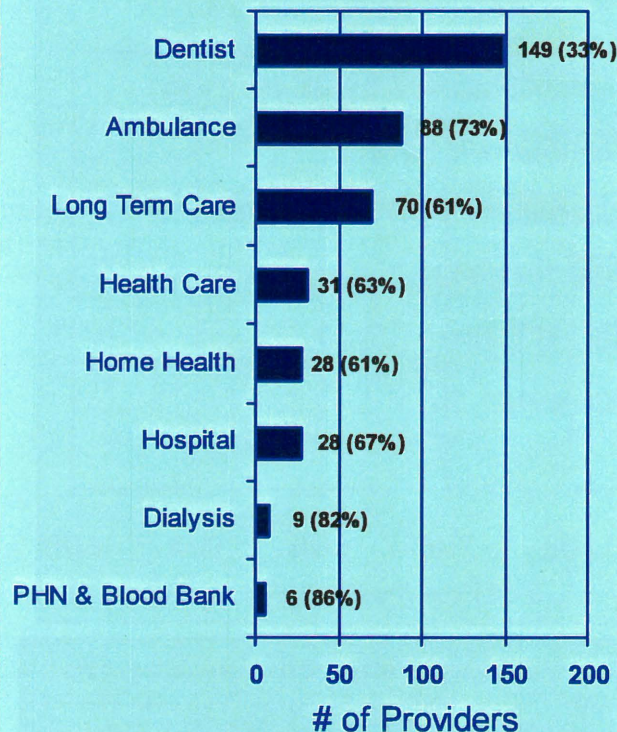
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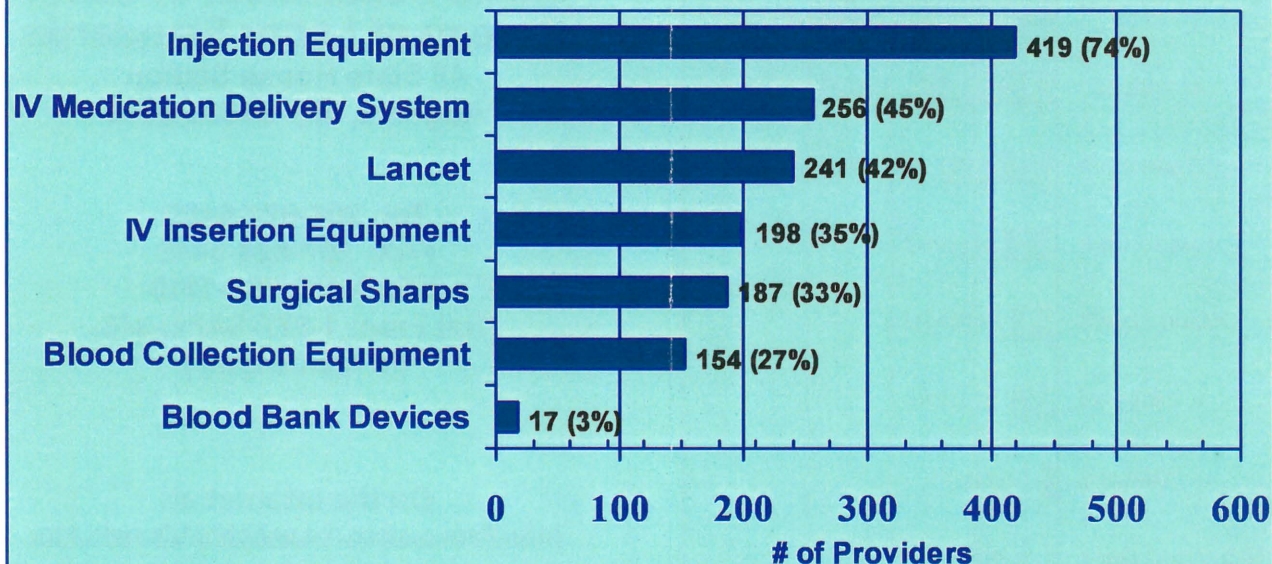
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Highlights of the Survey of Safer Needles and Sharps Device Use Among Maine Health Care Providers

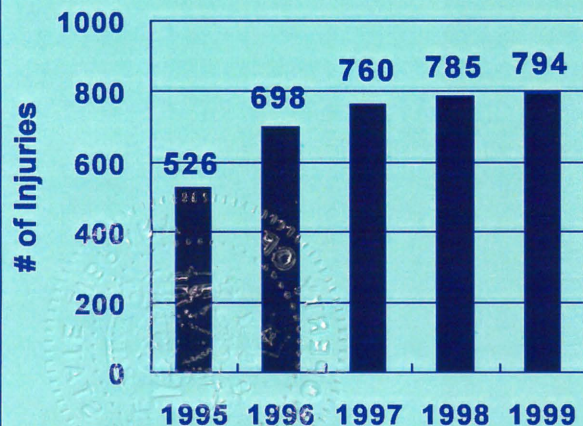
In 1999, the Maine legislature authorized the Departments of Labor and Human Services to conduct a survey of public and private health care providers and field providers (including emergency medical technicians) to collect information about:

- Use of needleless systems and other safe needle devices
- The process providers use to comply with federal regulations or state rules to protect employees against exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

Use of Safer Needle and Sharps Devices by Providers



Prevalence of Needlestick/Sharps Injuries 1995-1999*



*Self-reported by health care and field providers. (May include non-contaminated needlesticks.)

Use of Safer Needle and Sharps Devices by Major Provider Categories

Device Category	Use of Safer Needle and Sharps Devices by Major Provider Categories							
	Dentist (n=449)	Ambulance (n=121)	Long Term Care (n=115)	Health Care (n=49)	Home Health (n=46)	Hospital (n=42)	*PHN & Blood Bank (n=7)	Dialysis (n=6)
Injection Equipment	220	79	60	13	10	31	0	6
Surgical Sharps	135	18	0	4	22	6	0	2
IV Medication Delivery System	24	95	52	13	25	40	0	6
IV Insertion Equipment	7	89	45	6	14	33	1	2
Blood Collection Equipment	4	48	24	20	18	32	1	6
Lancet	2	71	83	26	20	35	1	2
Blood Bank Devices	0	1	0	0	0	15	1	0

PHN—Public Health Nurse